The animosity of the Poles against the Empress Catherine is very great and bursts out frequently. Mrs, S. was saying that she should be very glad to hear of the Empress being at Constantinople; upon which a Polish gentleman exclaimed: " I would rather hear of the *Grand Turc* being at St. Petersburg. However, I should not object to her being at Constantinople—a prisoner!"

7th. Dined at the Val. Villagers danced on the lawn. Madame de Beauveau has a pretty little negress called Ourika, whom the Chevalier de Boufflers brought her as a present from Africa. She brings her up as her own child. The poor girl may be happy now. Query, whether she will be so when she grows up ?

There is a foundation at Le Meril of eighteen livres a year, to be given to the married woman of that village whose first child is not born till nine months are complete from the day of her marriage. The cur6 tells me there have not been above six claimants in twenty-one years i

gth. I set out from Paris, traversed the Pare de Vincennes and rode along a new road

to Neuilly-sur-Marne. The meadows of Chelles
are handsome, extensive, green and pretty about

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i It was from this girl that the Duchess de Duras took the idea of her novel, entitled " Ourika."